

## Doest Thou Know?

BY W. E. R. KEE.

Doest thou know all wisdom's ending?  
 Doest thou pierce the Heaven's deep?  
 Hast thou reason much transcending  
 The surmises mortals keep?  
 Witness Nature's strange conversions!  
 Through her endless myst'ries range:  
 Learn of force and its dispersions,  
 See how life and matter change!  
 How it is that spirit liveth,  
 How it joineth unto flesh,  
 How increaseth he that giveth,  
 Death's but birth to grander living  
 And facts may change in whole:  
 Truth alone is God's best giving  
 Angels cannot learn it all.  
 Darkness is but light's diversion,  
 Discord music's bolder voice,  
 Error only truth's inversion,  
 Sin but folly's idle choice.  
 "Up" with us is "down" to others,  
 Heat is cold to greater heat;  
 Our "good" but "ill" to others,  
 Naught is perfect or complete.  
 Facts are temp'ral, truth's eternal,  
 And our creeds are weak and tame,  
 Love and Wisdom are supernal,  
 God remains our God the same.  
 Stand we then in awe and harken  
 Universal nature's roar:  
 Venture not with words to darken  
 Counsels that have gone before.  
 BLOOMFIELD, July 11.

## LENDING A HAND.

BY JOSEPHINE PATTERSON.

"O-h!"  
 "Jenny Morgan! Did you ever see  
 anything so funny in all your life?"  
 No, I never, Kitty Harper. Did you  
 see the holes in her shoes?"  
 "And that funny old coal-scuttle bonnet,  
 that looked as if it came out of the  
 ark!"

"And she had on white stockings!"  
 "Oh, my!"  
 Here both little girls nearly doubled  
 over with laughter, and Kitty dropped  
 her lesson-paper into a mud puddle.

"I'm sure I shouldn't want to sit next  
 to her. I don't see what Miss Ethel  
 wants of such scholars in her class, any  
 way," said Jenny.

"What's that about Miss Ethel?" said  
 a voice, whose owner had come up so  
 quietly that the little girls had not heard  
 her.

"Why, Miss Ethel, we're talking about  
 that little new girl in our class. Don't  
 you think she's kind of—kind of—well,  
 kind of horrid?" said Kitty.

"She doesn't look very clean," chimed  
 in Jenny; "and she didn't know any  
 thing about Solomon, nor whose son he  
 was. I should think she'd be ashamed.  
 Everybody knows about Solomon."

"Can you tell me, Jenny, who Socrates  
 was, or how many wives Henry the  
 Eighth had?"

"No'm," said Jenny, with rather an  
 injured air.  
 "Well, I should think you'd be  
 ashamed. Everybody knows about Socrates."

"Why, Miss Ethel! I don't see how  
 we could know it if we never studied  
 history or nothing, and we're only nine  
 years old, 'cepting Jenny's ten in De-  
 cember. I shouldn't think you'd expect  
 us to know such things if we never  
 learned 'em," retorted Kitty.

"Oh, you shouldn't! Well, how is it  
 with Mary Johnson then? Why should  
 you expect her to know what she's never  
 learned, or had any chance to learn?  
 Did you ever walk down Water Street,  
 where those old tumbled-down houses  
 are? Well, Mary lives in one of those  
 houses. Her father drinks, and her  
 mother is not very neat or industrious.  
 Mary has had to stay at home from  
 school to tend babies; and as for Sun-  
 day-school, I don't suppose she had ever  
 been inside one before, and I had to  
 plead with her mother a long while be-  
 fore she said Mary could come to ours.  
 Now, do you wonder that she doesn't  
 know as much about the Bible as you?"

"Deed, Miss Ethel, I never knew any-  
 thing about her. I've seen her on the  
 street sometimes, but I didn't know  
 what her name was."

"As to her clothes," resumed Miss  
 Ethel, "I don't suppose the poor child  
 had any help in getting herself ready,  
 and, no doubt, the supply which she  
 had to draw from was rather limited.  
 And after all, girls, we oughtn't to  
 treat her any differently on account of  
 her clothes—ought we?"

"No, ma'am," said Jenny; "I s'pose  
 not."

"Did you know that the Bible told us  
 how we should treat her?"

"Why, Miss Ethel, the Bible doesn't  
 say anything about Mary Johnson—  
 does it?" asked Kitty.

"Suppose you look it up for your-  
 selves this afternoon. You'll find it in  
 the second chapter of James; and if you  
 feel, after reading it, as if you would  
 like to do something for Mary, come up  
 to my house some day this week, and  
 we'll talk it over."

Here Miss Ethel reached her stopping-  
 place, and left the two little maidens to  
 continue their walk alone. They were  
 rather subdued, and it was Kitty who  
 first broke the silence.

"What do you s'pose she means about  
 doin' something for Mary Johnson?"

"Well, I s'pect she means fix her up,  
 give her some old clothes and things.  
 I'll ask mamma to hunt up something."

"Yes," said Kitty, "I heard mamma  
 say that I'd grown right out of my last  
 winter's clothes; so I'm most sure she  
 can find something."

That afternoon two little heads, though  
 not together, bent over the Bible, and  
 soberly read and re-read those first few  
 verses of the second chapter of James.  
 They didn't find Mary Johnson's name,  
 as Kitty said, "all spelled out, but it

meant her just as plain as could be; and,  
 just because she had on 'vile clothing'  
 and white stockings, we made fun of  
 her, and didn't smile at her, or look a  
 bit pleasant."

Both little girls were very contrite,  
 and, after they had talked to their  
 mammas and Miss Ethel, they decided  
 that they would not only see that Mary  
 had some "goodly apparel," but, more-  
 over, they would go to see her, and  
 would take her some papers and picture-  
 cards, and see if they could bring a little  
 sunshine into the dreary Johnson home.

The two mammas found some suitable  
 clothing, Miss Ethel altered and re-  
 paired it, and Kitty and Jenny had the  
 pleasure of carrying it down to Mary.  
 The poor child was delighted with the  
 neat little hat, the pretty plaid dress,  
 the black stockings, and the good, whole  
 shoes.

Her mother tried to appear perfectly in-  
 different, but, after all, there was a  
 gleam of pleasure in her eyes, in spite of  
 her hard, cross face.

Mary was too little used to company to  
 make much effort to entertain the girls;  
 so they made rather a short call.

But this was not their last visit, nor  
 the only poor family they became in-  
 terested in. They and the rest of their  
 class found other little girls to help, and  
 one Sunday Miss Ethel invited them all  
 to come to her house and form a society.  
 Of course, they were delighted with this  
 plan, and entered into it heartily.

They now call themselves the "Lend  
 a Hand" society, and Jenny Morgan and  
 Kitty Harper have prominent places on  
 its official board.—Sunday-School Times.

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